

Chokecherry and Sierra Madre

Wind Energy Project

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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (completed)

Publish Notice of Intent
July 25, 2008

45-Day Scoping Period
September 23, 2008
(Extended)

Publish Draft EIS
July 22, 2011

90-Day Public Comment
on Draft EIS
July 22-October 19, 2011

Publish Final EIS
June 29, 2012

30-Day Protest Period
June 29-July 29, 2012

Record of Decision Signed
October 9, 2012

30-Day Appeal Period and
60-Day Governor's
Consistency Review

Site-specific NEPA Tiering
Analysis, Pursuant to the
Record of Decision

Site-specific NEPA Tiering Analysis

PCW Submits Site-specific
Plans of Development

30-Day Scoping Period

Draft Environmental
Assessment (EA)
Tiered to the EIS

30-Day EA Comment Period

Address Comments

Issue EA, Finding of
No New Significant Impact,
Decision Record

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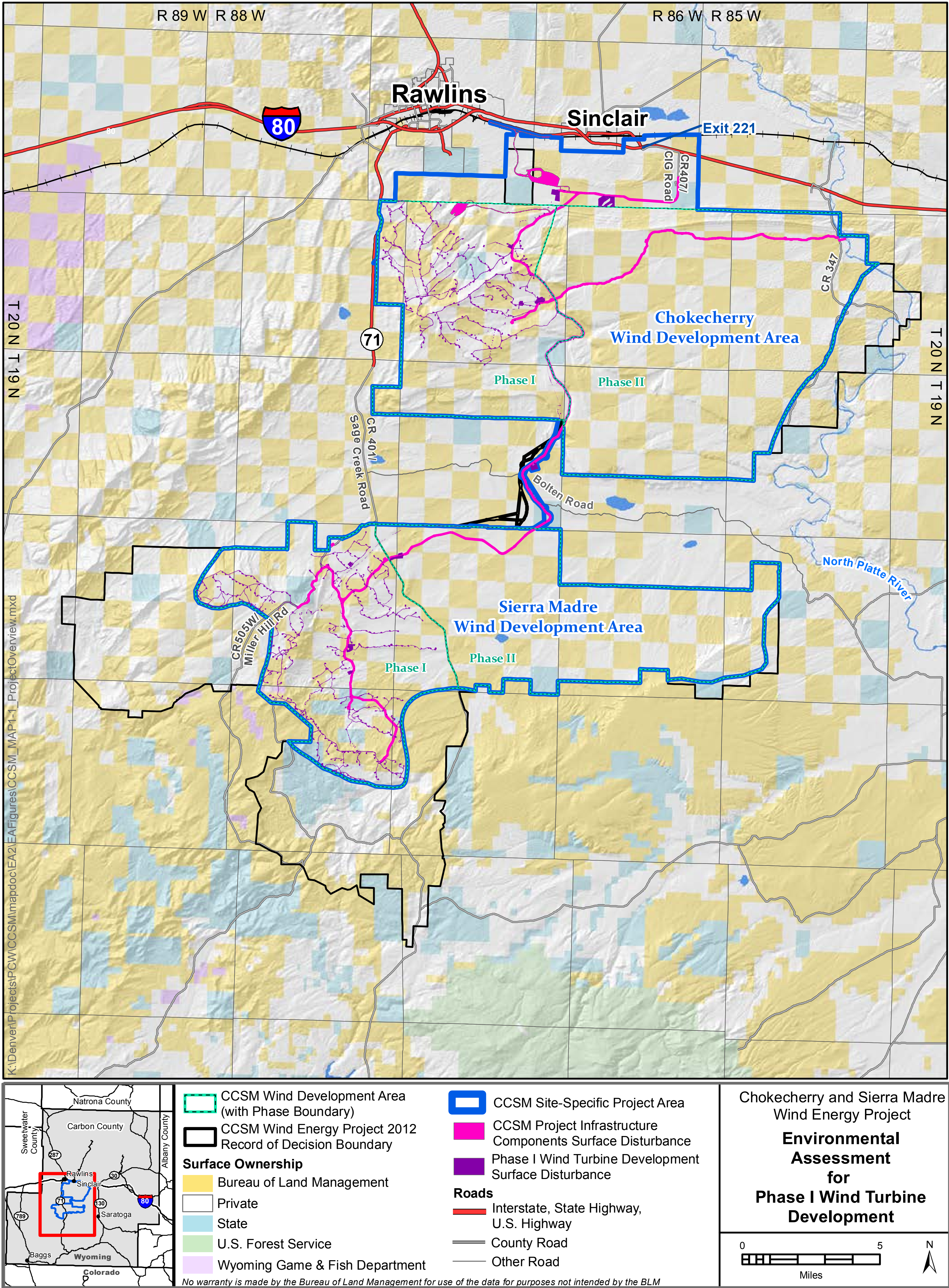


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Project Area Map



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Site-specific Environmental Assessment for Phase I Wind Turbine Development

The Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project (CCSM) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision determined that over 200,000 acres within the CCSM Project Area are suitable for wind energy development subject to the requirements described under the Selected Alternative, but did not identify individual turbine or infrastructure component locations. Subsequent environmental assessments (EAs) tiered to the EIS analyze site-specific plans of development. The first EA analyzed the CCSM Project infrastructure components. The second EA addresses the Phase I Wind Turbine Development.

The Phase I Wind Turbine Development for the CCSM Project consists of:

- 500 wind turbine generators providing 1,500 megawatts of energy
- 200 miles of access roads
- 75 miles of overhead collection and transmission lines
- 10 meteorological towers
- Four water stations
- Three long-term facilities (the Operations Center, Chokecherry Maintenance Building, and Sierra Madre Maintenance Building)
- Temporary facilities including the construction camp and laydown yards

No new significant impacts beyond those disclosed in the CCSM Project Final EIS were identified during the analysis.

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